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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Norihiko KIRITANI	:	Confirmation Number: 7093
Application No.: 09/817,154	:	Group Art Unit: 2823
Filed: March 27, 2001	:	Examiner: F. Toledo
For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SILICON CARBIDE DEVICE AND OXIDATION FURNACE	:	

**AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a response to the non-final Office Action dated December 16, 2003, in the above-referenced patent application has been amended as set forth below.

Please cancel claims 13-16 and 18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 17 as set forth in the "Amendments to the Claims" on pages 2 to 6 of this response.

A listing of all claims in the present application is presented in the "Amendments to the Claims" beginning at page 2 of this response.